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0-5	Petition The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	Japan Patent Office (RO/JP)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	R03352 PCT
I	Title of invention	COMPACT FRONT-OPERABLE IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
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V	Designation of States	
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	EP: AT BE BG CH&LI CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LU MC NL PT SE SI SK TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
V-2	National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	CN KR SG US
V-5	Precautionary Designation Statement In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.	
V-6	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations	NONE

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VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-1-1	Filing date	04 December 2002 (04.12.2002)	
VI-1-2	Number	Patent Application 2002-351942	
VI-1-3	Country	JP	
VI-2	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-2-1	Filing date	06 January 2003 (06.01.2003)	
VI-2-2	Number	Patent Application 2003-000036	
VI-2-3	Country	JP	
VI-3	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-3-1	Filing date	18 November 2003 (18.11.2003)	
VI-3-2	Number	Patent Application 2003-387446	
VI-3-3	Country	JP	
VI-4	Priority document request The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1, VI-2, VI-3	
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	Japan Patent Office (JPO) (ISA/JP)	
VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	
IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	5	-
IX-2	Description	48	-
IX-3	Claims	7	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	EZABST00.TXT
IX-5	Drawings	49	-
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	Accompanying items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-EASY diskette	-	Diskette
IX-18	Other (specified):	Revenue stamps of transmittal and search fee for receiving offic	-
IX-18	Other (specified):	Submission of certificate of payment for international fee	-
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract		
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	English	
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative		
X-1-1	Name		
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10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application	
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10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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